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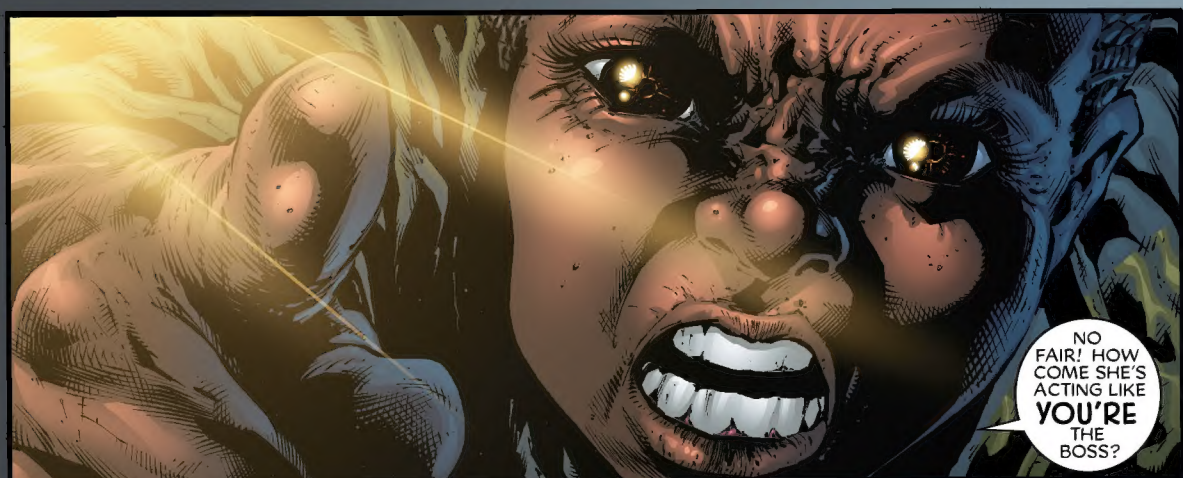
At the Fitzgerald's house, Jake and Kate prepare to take the lives of their entire family only to be stopped in the nick of time by Spawn. But when Zera arrives at the very same house searching for the missing Lord of All Heaven, the dramatic depth of the twins true origins are hinted at... and are soon to be revealed.



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NO
FAIR! HOW
COME SHE'S
ACTING LIKE
YOU'RE
THE
BOSS?



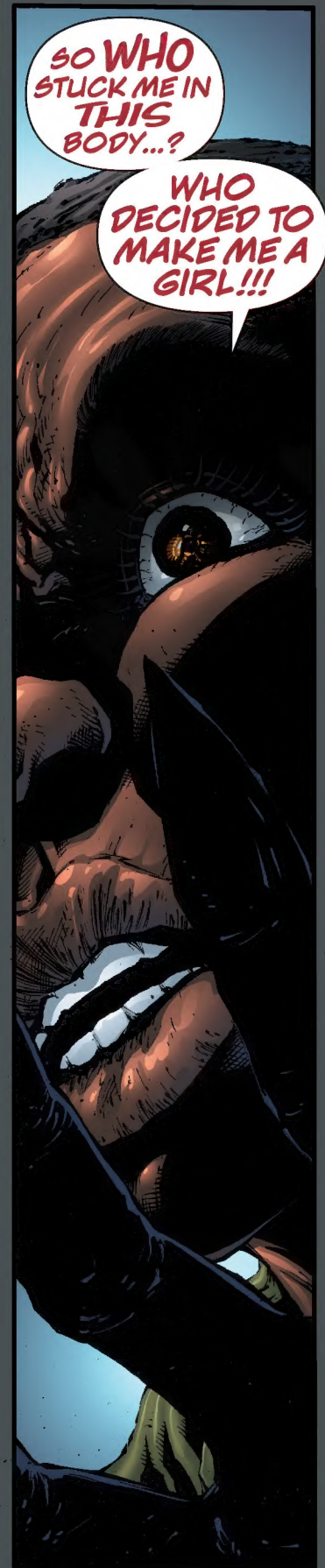
BECAUSE
I AM.

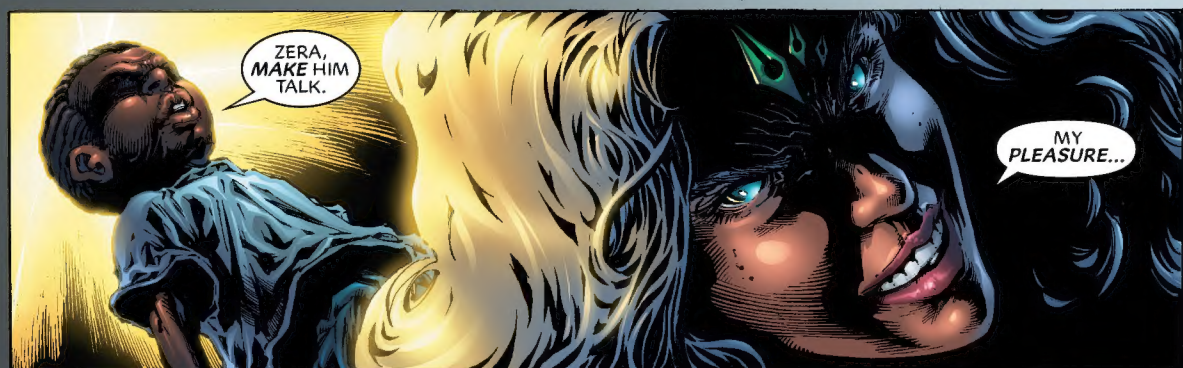
IT'S ALL COME
BACK. I REMEMBER
EVERYTHING.

I'M THE
LORD OF ALL
CREATION AND
SHE IS MY ANGEL,
ZERA
OF THE
SERAPHIM.

NO
NO NO
NO.

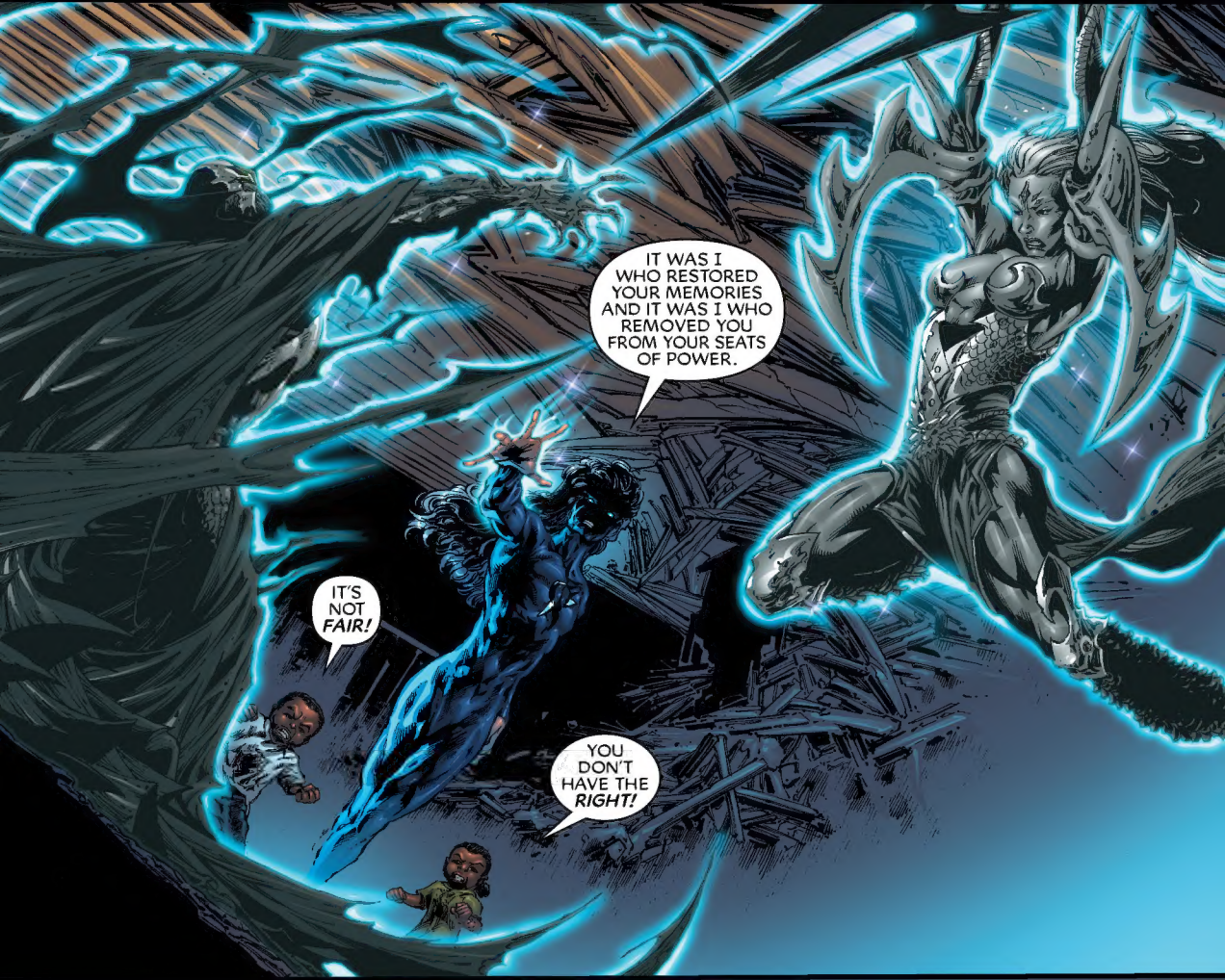








IT'S TOO LONG SINCE I FACED A WORTHY ADVERSARY!





I ENTRUSTED
THIS WORLD TO YOU.
LOOK WHAT YOU'VE
DONE TO IT!

IT WAS **HIM!**
THE PLAGUES
AND THE GREAT
FLOOD, SODOM
AND GOMORRAH.
HE DID ALL
THAT.

SHE'S A **LIAR!**
THE HUMANS WERE
MINE. THEY DID WHAT I
TOLD THEM UNTIL **SHE**
INTERFERED.

IT'S ALL
HER
FAULT.

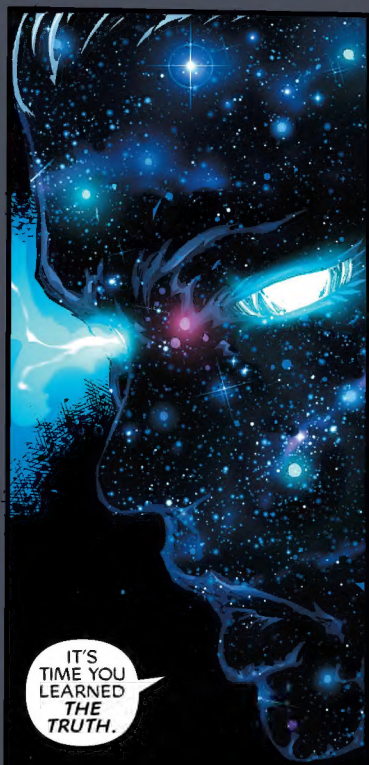
SILENCE.



STAY THERE
UNTIL I'M READY TO
DEAL WITH YOU.



COME HERE
AL
SIMMONS.



IT'S
TIME YOU
LEARNED
THE
TRUTH.



DO YOU
KNOW
ME?

WHY DON'T
YOU JUST CUT THE
CRAP AND TELL ME
WHO YOU ARE!



I HAVE MANY
FACES. YOU HAVE
KNOWN ME AS KALI,
GODDESS OF
DESTRUCTION.



AS THE KEEPER
OF THE
GREENWORLD.



AS THE
MAN OF
MIRACLES.



MY CHILDREN
CALL ME **MOTHER**, BUT
I AM BEYOND MALE
AND FEMALE.

THERE IS
NO GREATER
POWER THAN
ME...

I AM THE
CREATOR OF THE
UNIVERSE AND THE
DESTROYER OF
WORLDS.



I HAVE MORE CHILDREN THAN YOUR LANGUAGE CAN NUMBER. AND TO EACH OF THEM I GIVE WORLDS TO MOULD IN WHATEVER WAY THEY DESIRE.

I GAVE THE EARTH TO THOSE YOU KNOW AS GOD AND SATAN, AND THEY MADE IT THEIR PLAYGROUND.

OF ALL MY OFFSPRING THEY ARE MY MOST BITTER *DISAPPOINTMENT*. THEY SQUANDERED THEIR TALENTS IN *ENDLESS* SQUABBLING.

WHATEVER ONE *CREATED*, THE OTHER *DESTROYED*.

OVER THE MILLENNIA THEIR BICKERING GREW INTO *HATRED* AND IN THE END THEY DECLARED WAR ON ONE ANOTHER.

I RARELY
INTERFERE
WITH MY
CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES,
BUT THIS
TIME, ON THIS
PLANET,
THERE WAS
SOMETHING
SPECIAL.

AMONG ALL THE THINGS THEY MADE,
AMONG THE BEAUTIFUL, THE UGLY, THE
GLORIOUS AND GROTESQUE, THEY SOMEHOW
CREATED SOMETHING UNIQUE...



...THEY MADE
MANKIND.

GOD
CREATED
THE HUMAN
RACE TO
BE HIS
LAPDOGS,
BUT IT WAS
SATAN WHO
MADE THEM
WHOLE,
WHEN HE
GAVE THEM
THE TAINTED
GIFT OF
FREE WILL.



HUMAN
BEINGS
BECAME
THEIR
PLAYTHINGS,
TO USE AND
ABANDON
ACCORDING
TO THEIR
MOODS.

IN DEATH THEY ARE
RAISED TO JOIN THE
ARMIES OF HEAVEN
AND HELL, RANDOMLY
SELECTED PUPPETS IN
A WAR THAT WILL
REACH ITS CLIMAX IN
ARMAGEDDON.

FINALLY I INTERVENED.
I REMOVED MY CHILDREN
FROM THEIR KINGDOMS.

HEAVEN AND
HELL WERE
LEFT TO FEND
FOR
THEMSELVES.

WHILE
THEIR
MASTERS
SLEPT IN A
FORGOTTEN
CORNER
OF THE
UNIVERSE,
I LEARNED
FOR
MYSELF
WHAT IT IS
TO BE
HUMAN.

I CAME AMONG MANKIND AS ONE OF
YOU, SO THAT I COULD SHOW YOU THE
WAY OF PEACE AND TOLERANCE.

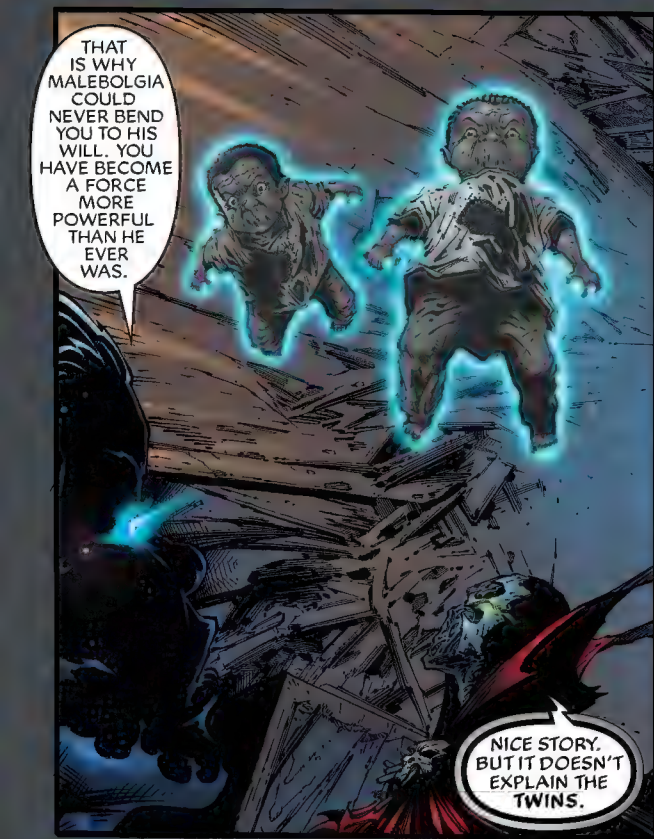
BUT MY
TEACHINGS
WERE
CORRUPTED.
EVEN IN
THEIR
ABSENCE THE
ACOLYTES
OF MY
WAYWARD
CHILDREN
CONTINUED
TO POISON
THE WORLD
WITH THEIR
DESTRUCTIVE
DOGMAS.

ALTHOUGH THEY WERE
LEADERLESS, THE FORCES OF
HEAVEN AND HELL STILL MOVED
TOWARDS THE FINAL CONFLICT
THAT WILL LEAVE THIS WORLD
A WASTELAND.



I KNOW NOW THAT ARMAGEDDON IS INEVITABLE BUT I WANTED MANKIND TO HAVE A *CHANCE* TO SURVIVE, SO WHEN MALEBOLGIA RESURRECTED AL SIMMONS TO BECOME HIS HELLSPAWN I STEPPED IN ONCE MORE.

I TOOK THE SOULS OF ALL THOSE WHO DIED THAT HOUR AND PRESERVED EACH ONE DEEP IN THE HEART OF THE HELLSPAWN.



THAT IS WHY MALEBOLGIA COULD NEVER BEND YOU TO HIS WILL. YOU HAVE BECOME A FORCE MORE POWERFUL THAN HE EVER WAS.

NICE STORY. BUT IT DOESN'T EXPLAIN THE TWINS.



I COULD NOT LEAVE THEM IN EXILE FOREVER. IN SPITE OF THEIR FAULTS THEY ARE STILL *MY CHILDREN*.

SO I BROUGHT THEM *BACK*, BUT I DID NOT RESTORE THEM TO THEIR KINGDOMS.

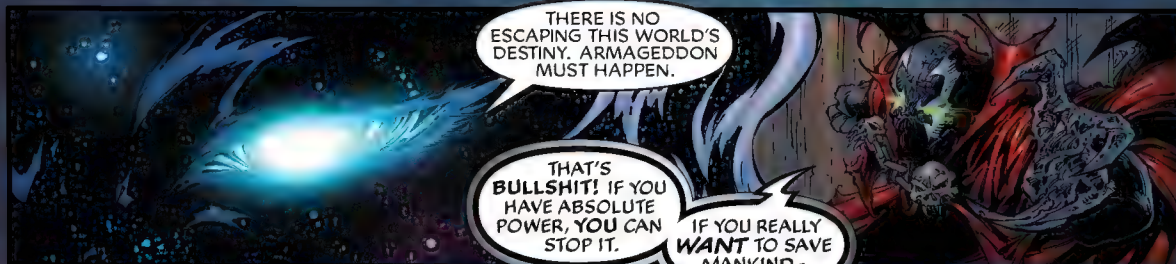
I MADE THEM *HUMAN*.



I HOPED THAT BY LEARNING WHAT IT IS TO LIVE AS MORTALS, TO BE SURROUNDED BY THE LOVE OF A FAMILY, THEY MIGHT *CHANGE*.



INSTEAD, THEIR **TRUE NATURE** OVERWHELMED THEM. YOU HAVE SEEN HOW THEIR **GAMES** HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN THE DISASTERS OVERTAKING THE EARTH.



THERE IS NO ESCAPING THIS WORLD'S DESTINY. ARMAGEDDON MUST HAPPEN.

THAT'S **BULLSHIT!** IF YOU HAVE ABSOLUTE POWER, YOU CAN STOP IT.

IF YOU REALLY **WANT** TO SAVE MANKIND -



-THEN MANKIND MUST PROVE ITSELF WORTH SAVING.

YOU AL SIMMONS, TOGETHER WITH THE THOUSANDS WHO LIVE INSIDE YOU, REPRESENT THE **POTENTIAL** OF YOUR SPECIES. YOU COULD BECOME THE **EQUAL** OF GOD AND SATAN. BUT I WILL NOT HAND THAT POWER TO YOU AS A GIFT.

THERE IS ONE **LAST TRIAL** YOU MUST UNDERGO.





AND YOU,
BEFORE I SEND YOU
BACK TO YOUR DOMAINS,
**WHAT DO YOU HAVE
TO SAY FOR
YOURSELVES?**

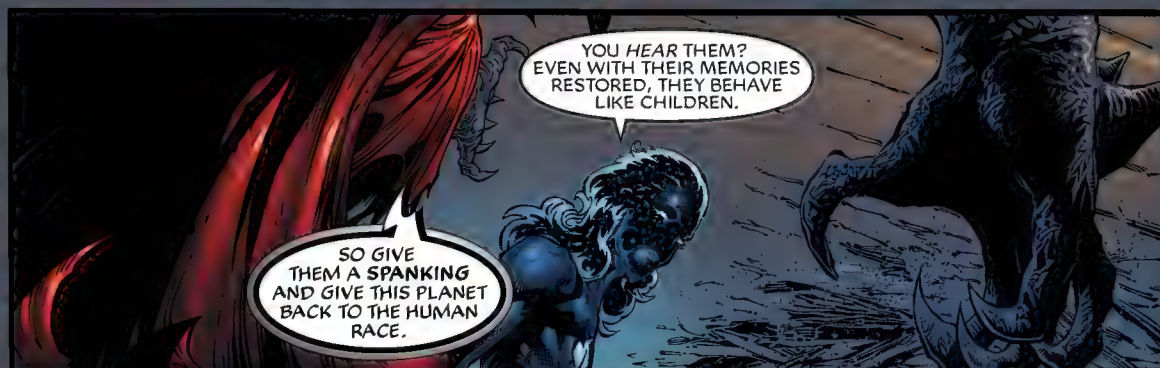
WHAT DO
YOU WANT?
"SORRY FOR BEING
A BAD BOY?"

WE'RE
WHAT **YOU**
MADE US.

YEAH, SO
WHY DON'T
YOU GIVE US
BACK OUR
BODIES SO
WE CAN GET
ON WITH
UNFINISHED
BUSINESS.

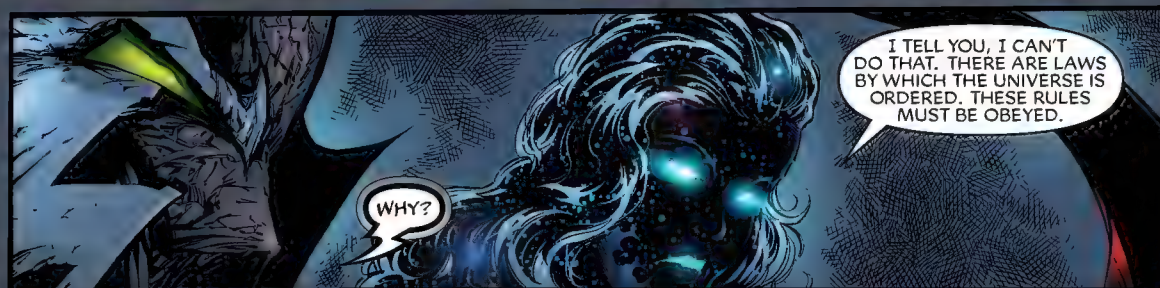


RIGHT! GIVE THE
GIRLY-BOY BACK HIS
HORNS SO I CAN RIP 'EM OFF
AND SHOVE THEM WHERE
**THE SUN DON'T
SHINE!**



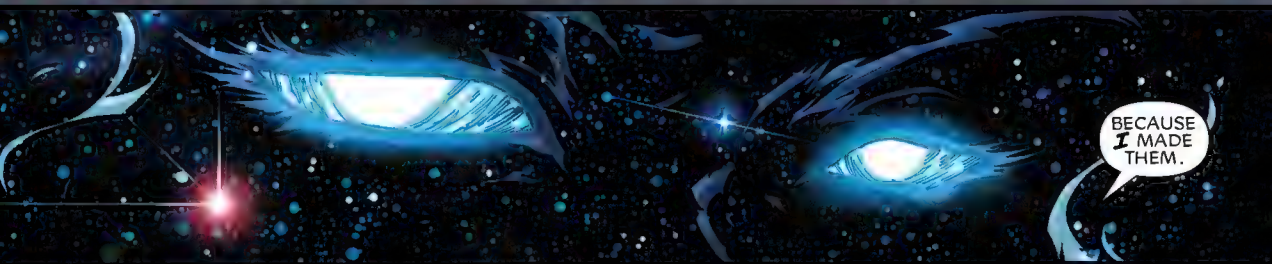
YOU HEAR THEM?
EVEN WITH THEIR MEMORIES
RESTORED, THEY BEHAVE
LIKE CHILDREN.

SO GIVE
THEM A SPANKING
AND GIVE THIS PLANET
BACK TO THE HUMAN
RACE.



I TELL YOU, I CAN'T
DO THAT. THERE ARE LAWS
BY WHICH THE UNIVERSE IS
ORDERED. THESE RULES
MUST BE OBEYED.

WHY?



BECAUSE
I MADE
THEM.



HELL.

YOU THINK
ONE DAY ALL OF THIS
WILL BE YOURS? YOU
THINK YOUR MAGICKS
ARE POTENT ENOUGH
TO CONTROL THIS
CHAOS?

I THINK
I'M SICK OF
YOUR TAUNTS,
THAMUZ.

I THINK
THE TIME HAS
COME TO TEACH
YOU THAT I
AM MASTER
HERE.



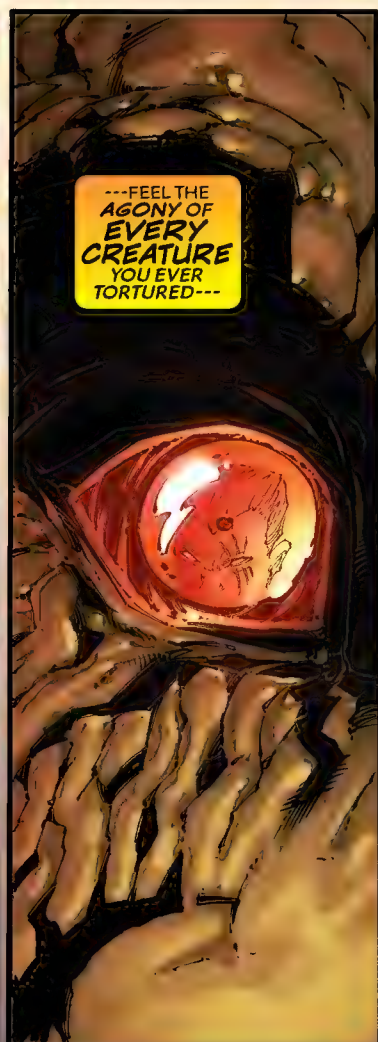
HOW MANY
HAVE SUFFERED
TORTURE AT
YOUR HANDS?

THOUSANDS?
TENS OF
THOUSANDS?



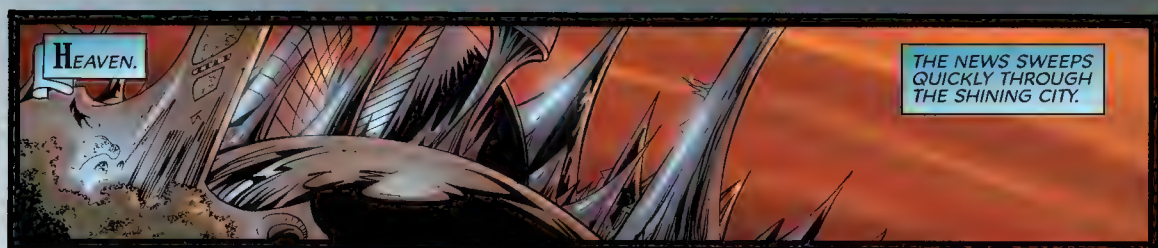
YOU REVEL IN
PAIN. I'LL SHOW
YOU PAIN BEYOND
ANYTHING YOU
CAN IMAGINE.

FEEL IT
THAMUZ---



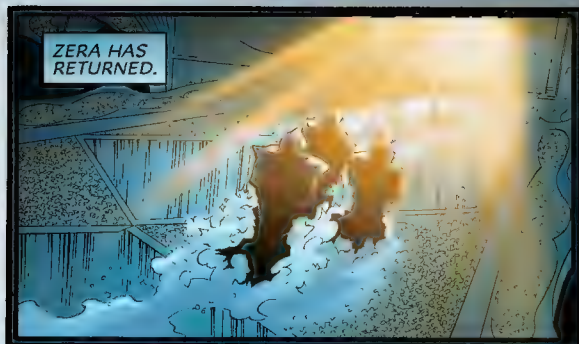
---FEEL THE
AGONY OF
EVERY
CREATURE
YOU EVER
TORTURED---





HEAVEN.

THE NEWS SWEEPS QUICKLY THROUGH THE SHINING CITY.



ZERA HAS RETURNED.

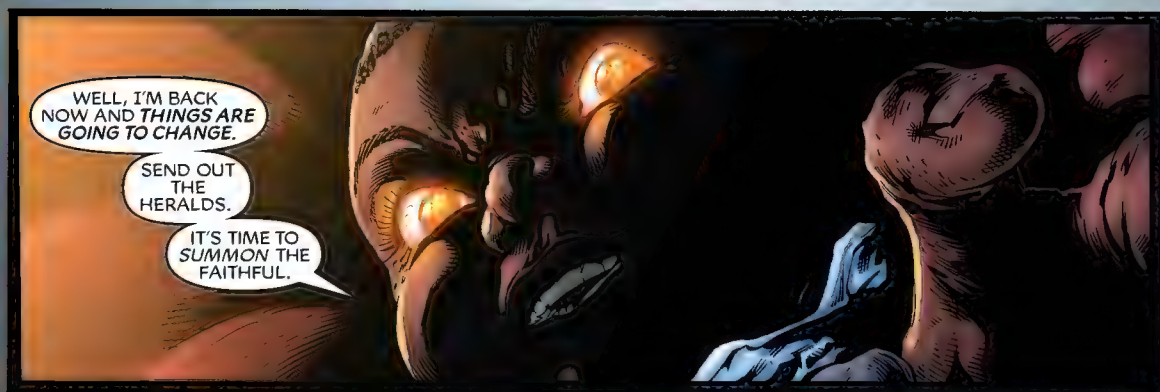


YOU LOOK SURPRISED, SISTERS. DIDN'T I TELL YOU I WOULD FIND OUR LORD?

DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE APPEARANCE. IT'S A TEMPORARY THING.

ZERA TELLS ME YOU'VE BEEN LETTING THINGS *SLIDE* WHILE I'VE BEEN GONE.

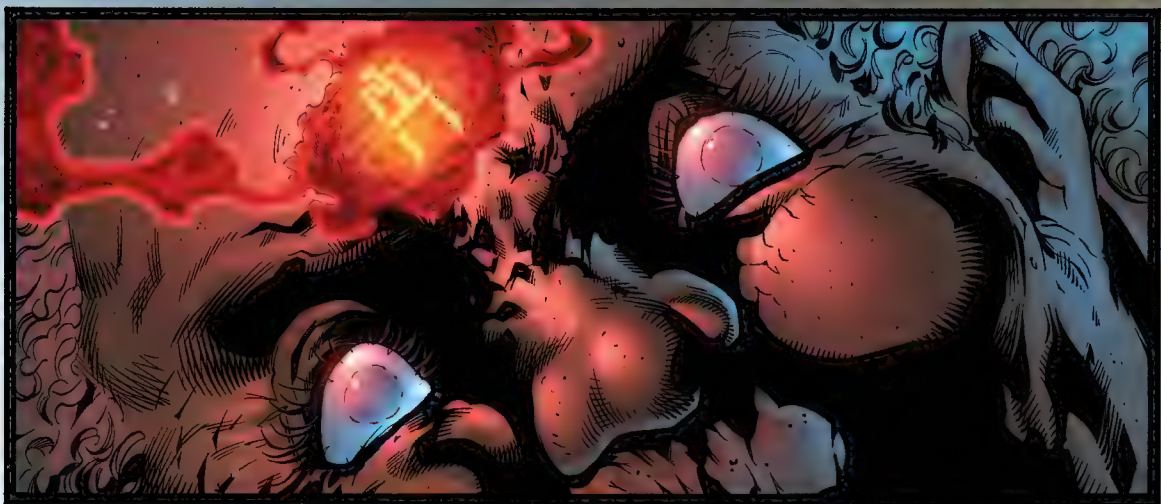
YOU LET THE FORGOTTEN INTO HEAVEN AND THEY SLAUGHTERED MY ANGELS, WHILE HELL GROWS **STRONGER** EVERY DAY.



WELL, I'M BACK NOW AND **THINGS ARE GOING TO CHANGE.**

SEND OUT THE HERALDS.

IT'S TIME TO SUMMON THE FAITHFUL.





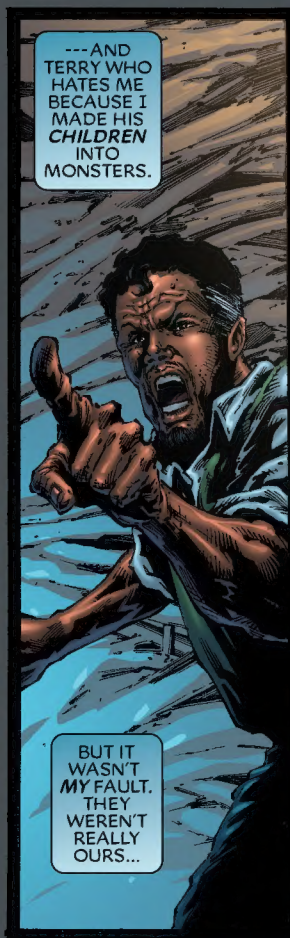
I CAN'T
STAND
THIS---

---JUST
TOO TIRED
TO THINK.



LOOK AT
THEM
ARGUING.
MY TWO
HUSBANDS.

THE DEAD ONE
WHO LOVES ME---



---AND
TERRY WHO
HATES ME
BECAUSE I
MADE HIS
CHILDREN
INTO
MONSTERS.

BUT IT
WASN'T
MY FAULT.
THEY
WEREN'T
REALLY
OURS...



THEY WERE **HERS**.
HER CRAZY
MONSTER BABIES.

SHE SAYS THE
TWIN'S ARE GOD
AND SATAN.



I GUESS
SHE'S
CRAZY
TOO.



MOM?

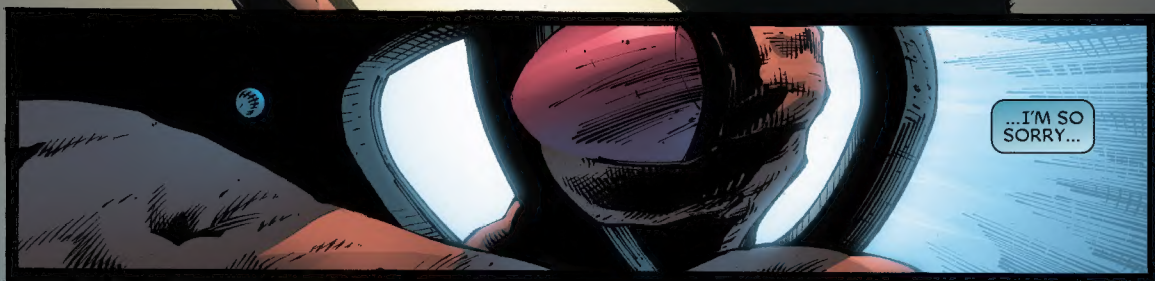
ARE YOU
OKAY?

OKAY?
YES,
OF COURSE.
I'M JUST
CLEARING
UP.

IT'S
SUCH A
MESS IN
HERE.



...I'M
JUST SO
TIRED...



...I'M SO
SORRY...



TO BE CONTINUED...





Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE